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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments, and has incorporated the same into the instant Amendment. Claims 1 has been amended to further clarify Applicants' invention for a securing assembly for use with outriggers. Claim 6 has been previously allowed. The Examiner indicated Claim 5 constituted allowable subject matter, and Applicant has amended Claim 1 to recite the elements of previous Claims 4 & 5, the latter being canceled herein without prejudice to the Applicant. The sole purpose of the instant amendment was to further clarify the collar means and components of the invention.

It is believed that the Applicant has addressed all the matters raised by the Examiner, and the instant case is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests action to that end.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or comments, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call to possibly expedite this case.

A separate Request For Extension of Time, and Amendment Transmittal Letter, have been filed concurrently herewith.

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